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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed November 5, 2002, applicant(s) hereby elects to prosecute Group I claims, claims 1-11 and 16-27, drawn to method and apparatus using a photoresist layer. As such, applicant(s) elects to withdraw Group II claims, claims 12-15, drawn to method and apparatus using heating.

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Respectfully submitted,

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